

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for deploying an intelligent agenda program on a computer, the method comprising the steps of:
 - installing the intelligent agenda program on the computer;
 - wherein the intelligent agenda program displays an outline on a plurality of slides created by a presentation program; and
 - wherein the outline displays a contextual location of a current slide in a presentation.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the intelligent agenda program automatically creates the outline from a title of each of the slides.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the intelligent agenda program comprises the steps of:
 - accepting a user configured format of the outline; and
 - displaying the outline on the slides in the user configured format.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the intelligent agenda program comprises the steps of:
 - determining whether a user has configured a display option; and
 - responsive to the determination that the user has not configured the display option, displaying the outline with all of the topics in the outline expanded.
5. The method of claim 3 wherein the intelligent agenda program comprises the steps of:
 - responsive to the determination that the user has configured the display option, determining whether the user has selected an outline expansion option; and
 - responsive to the determination that the user has selected the outline expansion option, displaying the outline according to the outline expansion option selected by the user.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the outline expansion option is to expand all levels of the outline.
7. The method of claim 5 wherein the outline expansion option is to expand a user-configurable number of levels of the outline.
8. The method of claim 5 wherein the outline expansion option is to expand only the current topic in an outline.
9. The method of claim 3 wherein the intelligent agenda program comprises the steps of:
 - responsive to the determination that the user has configured the display option,
 - determining whether the user has limited the number of displayed lines on the outline; and
 - responsive to the determination that the user has limited the number of lines on the outline, modifying the outline to the number of displayed lines limited by the user.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein the immediately adjacent topics are displayed in any remaining lines.
11. The method of claim 9 wherein the topics above the current topic are displayed, subject to the user limited number of lines, and then the immediately adjacent topics are displayed, subject to the user limited number of lines.
12. The method of claim 3 wherein the intelligent agenda program comprises the steps of:
 - responsive to the determination that the user has configured the display option,
 - determining whether the user has limited the type of displayed topics on the outline; and
 - responsive to the determination that the user has limited the number of topics on the outline, modifying the outline to the type of displayed topics limited by the user.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein the outline does not display the previous topics.
14. The method of claim 12 wherein the outline does not display the subsequent topics.

15. The method of claim 3 wherein the user configured format is a color and a line associated with the outline.
16. The method of claim 3 wherein the user configured format is a size of the outline.
17. The method of claim 3 wherein the user configured format is a layout of the outline.
18. The method of claim 3 wherein the user configured format is a picture associated with the outline.
19. The method of claim 3 wherein the user configured format is a text box associated with the outline.
20. The method of claim 3 wherein the user configured format is a web message associated with the outline.
21. The method of claim 3 wherein the intelligent agenda contains a timer displaying the approximate duration of each slide.
22. A program product operable on a computer comprising:
 - a computer-usable medium;
 - an intelligent agenda program installed on the computer-usable medium;
 - wherein the intelligent agenda program displays an outline on a plurality of slides created by a presentation program; and
 - wherein the outline displays a contextual location of a current slide in a presentation.
23. The program product of claim 22 wherein the intelligent agenda program automatically creates the outline from a title of each of the slides.
24. The program product of claim 22 wherein the intelligent agenda program comprises:
 - instructions for accepting a user configured format of the outline; and

- instructions for displaying the outline on the slides in the user configured format.
25. The program product of claim 24 wherein the intelligent agenda program comprises:
- instructions for determining whether a user has configured a display option; and
 - responsive to the determination that the user has not configured the display option, instructions for displaying the outline with all of the topics in the outline expanded.
26. The program product of claim 24 wherein the intelligent agenda program comprises:
- responsive to the determination that the user has configured the display option, instructions for determining whether the user has selected an outline expansion option; and
 - responsive to the determination that the user has selected the outline expansion option, instructions for displaying the outline according to the outline expansion option selected by the user.
27. The program product of claim 26 wherein the outline expansion option is to expand all levels of the outline.
28. The program product of claim 26 wherein the outline expansion option is to expand a user-configurable number of levels of the outline.
29. The program product of claim 26 wherein the outline expansion option is to expand only the current topic in an outline.
30. The program product of claim 24 wherein the intelligent agenda program comprises:
- responsive to the determination that the user has configured the display option, instructions for determining whether the user has limited the number of displayed lines on the outline; and

responsive to the determination that the user has limited the number of lines on the outline, instructions for modifying the outline to the number of displayed lines limited by the user.

31. The program product of claim 30 wherein the immediately adjacent topics are displayed in any remaining lines.

32. The program product of claim 30 wherein the topics above the current topic are displayed, subject to the user limited number of lines, and then the immediately adjacent topics are displayed, subject to the user limited number of lines.

33. The program product of claim 24 wherein the intelligent agenda program comprises:

responsive to the determination that the user has configured the display option, instructions for determining whether the user has limited the type of displayed topics on the outline; and

responsive to the determination that the user has limited the number of topics on the outline, instructions for modifying the outline to the type of displayed topics limited by the user.

34. The program product of claim 33 wherein the outline does not display the previous topics.

35. The program product of claim 33 wherein the outline does not display the subsequent topics.

36. The program product of claim 24 wherein the user configured format is a color and a line associated with the outline.

37. The program product of claim 24 wherein the user configured format is a size of the outline.

38. The program product of claim 24 wherein the user configured format is a layout of the outline.

39. The program product of claim 24 wherein the user configured format is a picture associated with the outline.
40. The program product of claim 24 wherein the user configured format is a text box associated with the outline.
41. The program product of claim 24 wherein the user configured format is a web message associated with the outline.
42. The program product of claim 24 wherein the intelligent agenda contains a timer displaying the approximate duration of each slide.
43. An apparatus that displays an outline on a plurality of slides created by a presentation program, the apparatus comprising:
- means for accepting a user configured format of the outline;
 - means for displaying the outline on the slides in the user configured format;
 - means for determining whether a user has configured a display option;
 - responsive to the determination that the user has not configured the display option, means for displaying the outline with all of the topics in the outline expanded;
 - responsive to the determination that the user has configured the display option, means for determining whether the user has selected an outline expansion option;
 - responsive to the determination that the user has selected the outline expansion option, means for displaying the outline according to the outline expansion option selected by the user;
 - responsive to the determination that the user has configured the display option, means for determining whether the user has limited the number of displayed lines on the outline;

responsive to the determination that the user has limited the number of lines on the outline, means for modifying the outline to the number of displayed lines limited by the user;

responsive to the determination that the user has configured the display option, means for determining whether the user has limited the type of displayed topics on the outline;

responsive to the determination that the user has limited the number of topics on the outline, means for modifying the outline to the type of displayed topics limited by the user;

wherein the intelligent agenda contains a timer displaying the approximate duration of each slide;

wherein the outline displays a contextual location of a current slide in a presentation;
and

wherein the intelligent agenda program automatically creates the outline from a title of each of the slides.

44. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the outline expansion option is to expand all levels of the outline.

45. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the outline expansion option is to expand a user-configurable number of levels of the outline.

46. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the outline expansion option is to expand only the current topic in an outline.

47. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the immediately adjacent topics are displayed in any remaining lines.

48. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the topics above the current topic are displayed, subject to the user limited number of lines, and then the immediately adjacent topics are displayed, subject to the user limited number of lines.

- 49. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the outline does not display the previous topics.
- 50. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the outline does not display the subsequent topics.
- 51. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the user configured format is a color and a line associated with the outline.
- 52. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the user configured format is a size of the outline.
- 53. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the user configured format is a layout of the outline.
- 54. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the user configured format is a picture associated with the outline.
- 55. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the user configured format is a text box associated with the outline.
- 56. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the user configured format is a web message associated with the outline.